COUNTY PROFILE

Otter Tail Co.

Otter Tail Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Otter Tail Co.'s population has increased so far this decade, ranking as the 28th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2019. It is now the 17th largest in the state. Otter Tail Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	58,746 people
Population change,	1,443 people
2010-2019	2.5% increase

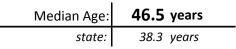
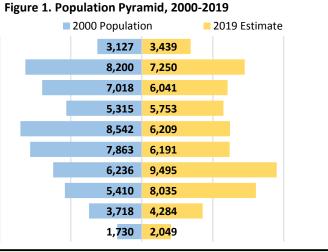


Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2019 Number **Percent Under 5 years** 3,439 5.9% 5-14 years 7,250 12.3% 6,041 10.3% 15-24 years 25-34 years 5.753 9.8% 10.6% 35-44 years 6,209 45-54 years 6,191 10.5% 55-64 years 9,495 16.2% 13.7% 65-74 years 8,035 75-84 years 4,284 7.3% 85 years & over 2,049 3.5% **Total Population** 58,746 100.0% Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Under 5 years
5-14 years
15-24 years
25-34 years
35-44 years
45-54 years
55-64 years
65-74 years
75-84 years

Otter Tail Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Otter Tail Co. welcomed net international in-migration gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

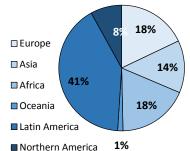
Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019								
	Total	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019						
	Population	Natural	Vital Events		Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Otter Tail Co.	1,445	-247	6,002	6,249	1,755	432	1,323	
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Otter Tail Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2018, Otter Tail Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Otter 1	Tail Co.	Change 2	010-2018	Minnesota		
Population, 2018	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	1,456	2.5%	-71	-4.6%	8.4%	25.8%	
Europe	261	17.9%	-92	-26.1%	10.2%	4.8%	
Asia	196	13.5%	-58	-22.8%	37.7%	27.8%	
Africa	266	18.3%	85	47.0%	24.5%	61.1%	
Oceania	20	1.4%	16	400.0%	0.5%	41.9%	
Americas:	713	49.0%	-22	-3.0%	27.1%	9.8%	
Latin America	596	40.9%	-67	-10.1%	24.6%	11.8%	
Northern America	117	8.0%	45	62.5%	2.6%	-6.0%	

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2018

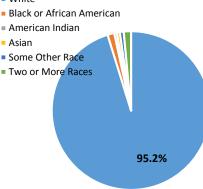


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

Otter Tail Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2018

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races



	C	Otter Tail C	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2018	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2018	Percent	Change from 2000-2018
Total	57,992	100.0%	1.5%	100.0%	12.4%
White	55,217	95.2%	-0.5%	83.3%	4.7%
Black or African American	802	1.4%	392.0%	6.2%	99.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	296	0.5%	1.7%	1.1%	7.3%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	358	0.6%	28.8%	4.8%	83.8%
Some Other Race	457	0.8%	-4.6%	1.8%	48.7%
Two or More Races	862	1.5%	94.6%	2.9%	90.7%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,945	3.4%	103.2%	5.3%	104.2%

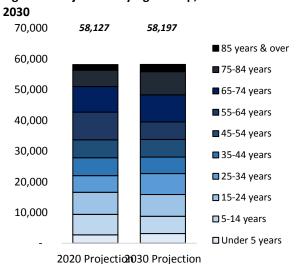
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014-2018 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Otter Tail Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2020 to 2030, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.0%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030							
	2020	2030	Numeric	Percent			
Otter Tail Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change			
Under 5 years	2,755	3,138	383	13.9%			
5-14 years	6,627	5,623	-1,004	-15.2%			
15-24 years	7,197	7,095	-102	-1.4%			
25-34 years	5,403	6,822	1,419	26.3%			
35-44 years	5,847	5,391	-456	-7.8%			
45-54 years	5,865	5,723	-142	-2.4%			
55-64 years	8,982	5,728	-3,254	-36.2%			
65-74 years	8,352	8,772	420	5.0%			
75-84 years	5,318	7,560	2,242	42.2%			
85 years & over	1,781	2,345	564	31.7%			
Total Population	58,127	58,197	70	0.1%			

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2020-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

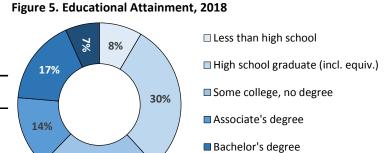
Otter Tail Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Otter Tail Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.5%

College-educated: 61.8% state: 67.1%

Associate's Degree: 14.1% Bachelor's Degree: 16.9% Advanced Degree: 6.8%



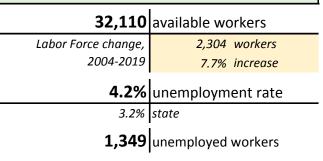
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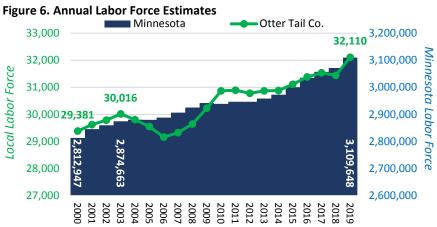
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■ Advanced degree

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

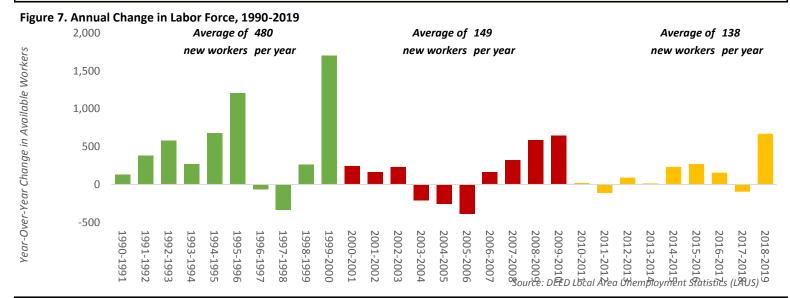
The number of workers in Otter Tail Co. increased over the past year. Long term, Otter Tail Co.'s labor force expanded more slowly from 2004 to 2019, compared to a statewide growth rate of 8.0% (see Figure 6).





Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

At 4.2%, Otter Tail Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2019. Otter Tail Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 3.6% in 2018, and was lower than the 8% rate posted in 2009. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Otter Tail Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2009.

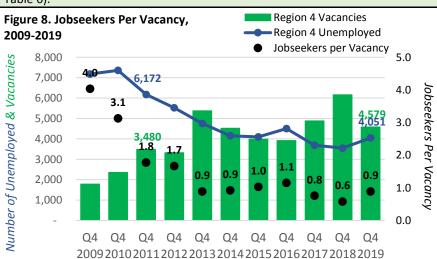


Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers from 1990 to 2000, Otter Tail Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Otter Tail Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2020 to 2030 (see Table 6).

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2020-2030	2020	2030			
16 to 24 years	4,847	4,826			
25 to 54 years	15,009	15,741			
55 to 64 years	6,309	4,023			
65 years & over	2,590	2,882			
Total Labor Force	28,755	27,472			

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Otter Tail Co. is a part of Region 4, which includes Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin County. The labor market has grown extremely tight in recent years, dropping to a ratio of 0.9 jobseekers per vacancy during the 4th quarter of 2019 (see Figure 8).



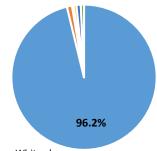
Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Otter Tail Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Otter Tail Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 85.5% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

	Ot	Otter Tail Co.				Otter Tail Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Minne Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	29,208	62.4%	3.4%	69.7%	3.9%	15,727	13,459
16 to 19 years	1,569	59.0%	11.7%	52.9%	11.7%	845	724
20 to 24 years	2,500	86.7%	1.7%	84.4%	6.4%	1,316	1,184
25 to 44 years	10,003	88.6%	3.1%	88.6%	3.5%	5,346	4,659
45 to 54 years	6,181	85.9%	3.1%	87.3%	2.8%	3,285	2,897
55 to 64 years	6,698	70.2%	3.0%	72.6%	3.0%	3,616	3,083
65 to 74 years	1,828	25.4%	2.5%	27.6%	2.4%	1,045	786
75 years & over	399	6.6%	2.5%	6.3%	2.6%	274	126
Employment Characteristics by Race &	k Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	28,087	62.4%	3.3%	69.5%	3.3%	Race, 2018	}
Black or African American	332	60.7%	15.1%	70.7%	9.9%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	96	37.5%	10.4%	58.5%	12.8%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	188	77.7%	1.1%	71.3%	4.7%		\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
Some Other Race	282	77.0%	0.0%	77.2%	6.2%		
Two or More Races	208	54.2%	3.8%	73.1%	7.6%	•	
Hispanic or Latino	1,019	82.1%	4.0%	76.3%	6.5%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabi	lity						
With Any Disability	1,584	50.3%	5.7%	52.5%	9.0%		96.2%
Employment Characteristics by Educa	tional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	22,890	81.7%	3.1%	84.2%	3.2%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,135	63.1%	5.2%	65.4%	4.5%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	5,720	78.0%	2.6%	78.6%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska Nat
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,899	83.2%	2.5%	85.2%	3.2%		Other Pac. Islanders
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	6,135	87.8%	1.5%	89.8%	1.9%	Some O	ther Race

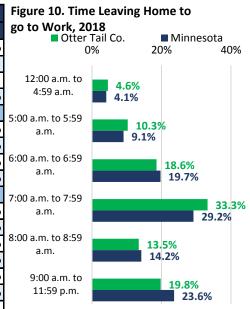
Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



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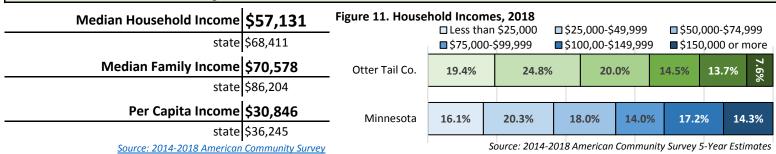
A larger percentage of workers in Otter Tail Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Otter Tail Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Otter Tai	il Co.	Minne	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2018	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	25,969	94.0%	2,807,811	97.5%
Worked in county of residence	21,190	76.7%	1,831,557	63.6%
Worked out of county of residence	4,807	17.4%	979,134	34.0%
Worked outside state of residence	1,658	6.0%	71,995	2.5%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	24,174	87.5%	2,488,152	86.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	332	1.2%	103,673	3.6%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,519	5.5%	126,711	4.4%
Worked at home	1,630	5.9%	164,149	5.7%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	7,570	27.4%	455,009	15.8%
10 to 19 minutes	8,924	32.3%	869,701	30.2%
20 to 29 minutes	4,476	16.2%	639,317	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,536	12.8%	564,442	19.6%
45 to 59 minutes	1,326	4.8%	192,947	6.7%
60 or more minutes	1,823	6.6%	158,389	5.5%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.3	minutes	23.5	minutes



INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Otter Tail Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Otter Tail Co. had the 42nd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Otter Tail Co. also had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.17 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.25 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of	Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2019									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts			
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes	
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Otter Tail Co.	\$27,396	\$13.17	\$0	\$331	\$166	\$537	\$703	\$243	\$303	
State of Minnesota	\$30,900	\$14.86	\$0	\$335	\$137	\$759	\$629	\$336	\$379	
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs							
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes	
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Cilia Care	Care		Housing	portation	Other	Taxes	
Otter Tail Co.	\$47,580	\$15.25	\$231	\$757	\$659	\$718	\$817	\$414	\$369	
State of Minnesota	\$55,548	\$17.80	\$511	\$764	\$484	\$986	\$729	\$537	\$618	

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Otter Tail Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 24th highest value of the 87 counties in 2018. Otter Tail Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Otter Ta	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2018	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	19,100	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,162	6.1%	5.7%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,985	15.6%	9.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,268	17.1%	15.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,173	16.6%	19.8%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,864	20.2%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,173	16.6%	17.6%
\$500,000 or more	1,475	7.7%	6.6%
Median (dollars)	\$179,5	00	\$199,700

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

0% 20% 30% Otter Tail Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 17.5% 2000 to 2009 14.6% 1980 to 1999 26.5% 23.0% 1960 to 1979 24.8% 13.8% 1940 to 1959 14.7% 16.8% 1939 or earlier 16.6%

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2018

35.09

mortgage

28.7%

rent

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage state \$1,547

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs 18.9%

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2018

Median monthly rent costs \$669

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 4<u>5.9</u>%

7.3% 48.8% 15.4% 9.6% 10.2% 15.6% Less than 20% 20% to 24.9% 25.0% to 29.9% 30.0% to 34.9% ■ 35% or more

Source: 2014-2018 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$18.66 in 2020, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 7th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$42.12) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.06) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment Statistics, 2020							
		Regio	n 4		Stat	te of Minne	sota
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$18.66	90,000	100.0%	1.0	\$21.49	2,880,650	100.0%
Management	\$42.12	3,700	4.1%	0.7	\$24.38	165,310	5.7%
Business & Financial Operations	\$27.41	2,500	2.8%	0.5	\$12.43	244,300	8.5%
Computer & Mathematical	\$33.10	960	1.1%	0.3	\$17.72	4,060	0.1%
Architecture & Engineering	\$29.81	1,510	1.7%	0.9	\$20.03	363,800	12.6%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$30.91	610	0.7%	0.7	\$24.31	100,060	3.5%
Community & Social Service	\$22.01	2,190	2.4%	1.2	\$13.65	70,290	2.4%
Legal	\$30.13	210	0.2%	0.3	\$18.06	216,890	7.5%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.29	11,250	12.5%	2.2	\$38.00	55,520	1.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$16.01	1,020	1.1%	0.8	\$28.97	104,900	3.6%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$28.57	5,180	5.8%	0.9	\$37.35	20,050	0.7%
Healthcare Support	\$14.84	6,590	7.3%	1.3	\$24.52	38,540	1.3%
Protective Service	\$25.60	1,640	1.8%	1.2	\$15.37	277,000	9.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.06	4,330	4.8%	0.6	\$23.34	57,200	2.0%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$14.98	3,580	4.0%	1.4	\$15.23	83,860	2.9%
Personal Care & Service	\$12.50	1,510	1.7%	0.7	\$36.07	190,800	6.6%
Sales & Related	\$14.27	8,920	9.9%	1.0	\$42.71	97,960	3.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$18.05	10,320	11.5%	0.9	\$52.70	170,650	5.9%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$20.22	140	0.2%	1.1	\$19.03	212,650	7.4%
Construction & Extraction	\$21.46	3,460	3.8%	1.1	\$22.45	45,030	1.6%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$22.84	3,850	4.3%	1.2	\$14.81	163,160	5.7%
Production	\$19.06	10,360	11.5%	1.6	\$33.87	171,550	6.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$18.06	6,170	6.9%	0.9	\$34.35	27,070	0.9%

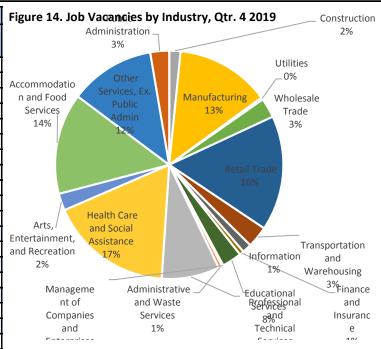
Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2020

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 4 2019

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Otter Tail Co. is a part of Region 4, which includes Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin County. There were 4579 job vacancies posted by employers in the 4th Quarter of 2019, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

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Table 12. Region 4 Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 4 2019							
	Number of						
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer					
Total, All Occupations	4,579	\$14.68					
Management	204						
Business & Financial Operations	75						
Computer & Mathematical	12	\$22.51					
Architecture & Engineering	41	\$28.71					
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	#N/A	#N/A					
Community & Social Service	99	\$14.94					
Education, Training & Library	4	\$26.51					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	210						
Healthcare Support	27	\$12.40					
Protective Service	355						
Food Preparation & Serving Related	147	\$13.82					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	103	\$10.92					
Personal Care & Service	568	•					
Sales & Related	103						
Office & Administrative Support	568	•					
Construction & Extraction	579	\$13.95					
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	290	\$15.47					
Production	32	\$17.50					
Transportation & Material Moving	274	\$19.82					



OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Occupations in Demand, 2019							
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher				
Cashiers	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Registered Nurses	Secondary School Teachers				
\$23,786	\$43,420	\$72,740	\$58,240				
Personal Care Aides	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	Nursing Assistants	Physical Therapists				
\$25,859	\$38,753	\$33,025	\$86,468				
Retail Salespersons	First-Line Supervisors of Food Prep & Serving Workers	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Software Developers, Applications				
\$26,276	\$33,190	\$44,340	\$82,009				
Combined Food Preparation & Serving	Teacher Assistants	Electricians	Speech-Language Pathologists				
\$23,717	\$30,528	\$54,844	\$64,692				
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	Heating, Air Cond. (HVAC) & Refrig. Mechanics	Child, Family, & School Social Workers				
\$27,599	\$39,560	\$49,128	\$52,059				
Janitors & Cleaners	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	Financial Managers				
\$29,961	\$37,053	\$39,943	\$92,497				
Cooks, Restaurant	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal	Radiologic Technologists	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists				
\$27,757	\$37,226	\$63,730	\$55,481				
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers, Hand	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians	Family & General Practitioners				
\$31,939	\$52,984	\$54,492	\$205,245				
Waiters & Waitresses	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	Industrial Engineers				
\$22,570	\$41,694	\$45,171	\$78,049				
Construction Laborers	Driver/Sales Workers	Dental Assistants	Human Resources Specialists				
\$35,085	\$34,851	\$44,030	\$54,389				

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Otter Tail Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 4.2% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2016-2026				
Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2016	Projected Employ- ment 2026	Percent Change 2016-2026	
Total, All Industries	262,786	273,747	4.2%	
Natural Resources & Mining	6,204	7,474	20.5%	
Utilities	1,193	1,146	-3.9%	
Construction	10,252	11,287	10.1%	
Manufacturing	28,471	30,356	6.6%	
Wholesale Trade	11,833	13,030	10.1%	
Retail Trade	28,429	27,261	-4.1%	
Transportation & Warehousing	7,030	7,246	3.1%	
Information	2,660	2,599	-2.3%	
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,335	7,553	3.0%	
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,653	6,045	6.9%	
Administrative & Waste Services	5,031	6,427	27.7%	
Educational Services	23,095	22,758	-1.5%	
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,018	39,725	10.3%	
Leisure & Hospitality	25,622	26,206	2.3%	
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	10,328	10,314	-0.1%	
Public Administration	21,609	22,418	3.7%	

Source: DEED 2016-2026 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational **Employment Projections 2016-2026**

Employment Projections, 2016-2026						
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Management	692	10.718				
Business & Financial	695	2 ,643				
Computer & Mathematical	416	1 576				
Architecture & Engineering	359	8 45				
Life, Physical, & Social	102	460				
Community & Social Service	390	2 ,593				
Legal	6	334				
Education, Training, & Library	113	7.244				
Arts, Design, Entertainment	-1	1 ,569				
Healthcare Practitioners &	877	4,019				
Healthcare Support	960	5,073				
Protective Service	129	1,923				
Food Preparation & Serving	161	15.261				
Building, Grounds Cleaning	761	6,371				
Personal Care & Service	1,251	11,062				
Sales & Related	-7	0 16,033				
Office & Administrative337 17,101						
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	576	1 ,403				
Construction & Extraction	1,060	4,612				
Installation, Maintenance,	861	3,626				
Production	1,328	8,926				
Transportation & Material	632	8,367				

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

After losing jobs over the past year, Otter Tail Co. had the 18th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Otter Tail Co. was the 59th fastest growing in the past year and the 41st fastest growing since 2014. From 2014 to 2019, employers in Otter Tail Co. added jobs, but lagged the state's 6.3% growth rate.

1,798 business establishments \$40,741 annual average wage

22,813 jobs \$929,435,555 total industry payroll

Job change, 2014-2019 2.1% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2004-2019

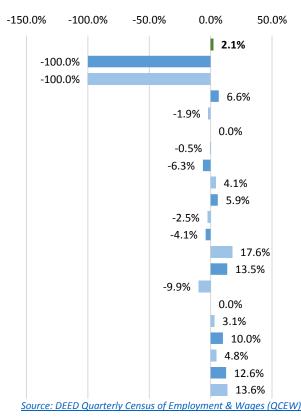


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Source: DEED QCEW program

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Table 15. Otter Tail Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
•	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Employment Statistics, 2019			ŭ
Total, All Industries	22,813	100.0%	\$40,741
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Mining	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Construction	1,245 <i>5.5%</i>		\$47,648
Manufacturing	4,055	4,055 17.8%	
Utilities	478	2.1%	\$94,756
Wholesale Trade	650	2.8%	\$44,478
Retail Trade	2,621	11.5%	\$27,166
Transportation & Warehousing	561 2.5%		\$35,663
Information	378	378 1.7%	
Finance & Insurance	516 2.3%		\$59,331
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	94	0.4%	\$27,875
Professional & Technical Services	434	1.9%	\$48,657
Management of Companies	160	0.7%	\$130,212
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	655	2.9%	\$35,944
Educational Services	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Health Care & Social Assistance	4,599	20.2%	\$40,254
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	253	1.1%	\$12,977
Accommodation & Food Services	1,918	8.4%	\$15,461
Other Services	768	3.4%	\$21,942
Public Administration	1,323	5.8%	\$50,761

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2014-2019



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